Laying of optical fibre cables by private companies

1641. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private companies are laying optical fibre cables in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the companies, territory given to them and under which category of licenses;

(c) whether these companies are paying any license fee for the same;

(d) if so, how Government propose to charge the license fee; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes sir,

(b) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Yes Sir, The details of licence fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue, is also given in the above mentioned Statement. However, no licence fee is charged from companies registered as Infrastructure Provider Category-I (IP-I). IP-I provide only dark fibre, right of way, duct space and tower which do not carry message as defined in Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

Statement

Details regarding names of the companies territory given to them and under which category of licenses alongwith the details of licence fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue

National Long Distance Services Licensees

Name of the private companies	Territory for which license issued	License fee
M/s. Reliance Infocomm Limited M/s. Bharti Telesonic Limited	On All India Basis	The license fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue @ 10%

1	2	3
M/s. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL)	On All India Basis	plus prescribed contributions towards Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund with a total cap of 15%

International Long Distance Services Licensees

Name of the private companies	Territory for which license issued	License fee
M/s. Reliance Infocomm Limited M/s. Bharti Telesonic Limited M/s. Data Access (India) Limited	On All India Basis	The license fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue @ 10% plus prescribed contributions towards Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund with a total cap of 15%

Infrastructure Provider (Category-II) Licensees

Name of the private companies	Territory for which license issued	License fee
M/s. Hughes Escorts Communications Limited M/s. Tata Power Company Limited	On All India Basis	The license fee charged as a percentage share of Adjusted Gross Revenue @ 10% plus prescribed contributions towards Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund with a total cap of 15%

INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDER(Category-I)

Name of the private companies	Territory for which license issued	License fee
1	2	3
M/s Powertel Solutions Private Limited. M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited. M/s Shyam Telecom Infrastructure Projects (P) Limited. M/s Atlanta Capital Private Limited. M/s RPG Netcom Limited. M/s Reliable Internet Services Limited. M/s Zoom Developers Private Limited. M/s Steadfast Construction & Engineering Private Limited. M/s Spectra Net Limited. M/s i2I Media Limited. M/s Punjab Cybernet Private Limited. M/s Netware Infosys Private Limited. M/s Haryana Cybernet Private Limited. M/s Bhavya Communication Private Limited. M/s Ice net . net Limited. M/s Kerala Communication Private Limited. M/s Netware Infosys Private Limited. M/s Megabyte Infosys Private Limited. M/s Giga Solutions Private Limited. M/s Informagic Services Private Limited. M/s West Bengal Network Private Limited. M/s Bihar Network Private Limited. M/s Uttar Pradesh Network Private Limited. M/s Orissa Network Private Limited. M/s M.P. Network Private Limited. M/s E. Comm Opportunity Private Limited. M/s Dishnet DSL Limited. M/s RPG Cables Limited. M/s HFCL Infotel Limited M/s Reliance Infocom Limited. M/s The Tata Power Company Limited. M/s Hindustan Construction Company Limited. M/s Bharti Telenet Limited. M/s India Online Network Limited.	On All India Basis	There is no license fee for Infrastructure Provider category-I (IP-I)

1	2	3
M/s Fibrenet Private Limited.		
M/s BSES Telecom Limited.		
M/s Net Shastr Facilities India Private Limited.		
M/s Data Access (India) Limited.		
M/s BPL Broadband Networks Limited.		
M/s BSES Limited.		
M/s Jain Infonet Private Limited.		
M/s MediaCast India Private Limited.		
M/s Hughes Escorts Communications Ltd.		
M/s Bombay Gas Company Ltd.		
M/s Aksh Broadband Ltd.		
M/s Aksh Opitifibre Ltd.		
M/s IndusInd Media & Commn. Ltd.		
M/s Fascel Ltd.		
M/s IN2CABLE (INDIA) Ltd.		
M/s Aircel Limited.		
M/s Asianet Satellite Communications Ltd.		

BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

Name of the private companies	Territory for which license issued	License fee
1	2	3
M/s Bharti Telenet Limited	Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Delhi & Tamil Nadu	The licence fee is 12%,10% and 8% of Adjusted Gross Revenue for category A, B & C circle respectively.
M/s Tata Teleservices Limited	Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu	
M/s Hughes Telecom (I) Ltd.	Maharashtra	**Category A circles:** Andhra Pradesh, Delhi Gujarat, Karnataka,
M/s Syam Telelink Limited	Rajasthan	Maharashtra (including Mumbai &
M/s Reliance Telecom Limited	Gujarat	Goa) and Tamil Nadu (including Chennai)
M/s Reliance Communications, Limited	Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, West Bengal (including Sikkim & Kolkatta), Uttar Pradesh (East) Uttar Pradesh (West) (including Uttaranchal), Karnataka,	**Category B circles:** Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), Punjab, Rajasthan,

1	2	3
	Maharashtra (including Mumbai & Goa), Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Tamil Nadu.	Uttar Pradesh-West (including Uttaranchal) Uttar Pradesh (East) and West Bengal (including Kolkata) **Category C circles:** Andaman & Nicobar, Assam, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, North East and Orissa.
M/s HFCL Infotel Limited	Punjab	

CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Name of Private Companies	Territory for which Licence issued	Licence Fee
1	2	3
Bharti Cellular	Delhi, Mumbai, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, U.P. (West) Gujarat	The licence fee is 12%, 10% and 8% of Adjusted Gross Revenue for category A,B & C circles respectively.
Sterling Cellular	Delhi	**Category A Circles:** Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai Gujarat, Karnataka, Kolkata, Maharashtra, (including Goa and excluding Mumbai) and Tamil Nadu (excluding Chennai)
Birla AT&T	Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra	
BPL Mobile Communications	Mumbai	
Hutchinson Max Telecom	Mumbai	
Bharti Mobitel	Kolkata	
Usha Martin	Kolkata	
Reliable Internet	Kolkata	
RPG Cellular Services	Chennai	
Bharti Mobinet	Chennai	
Hutchinson Essar South Limited	Chennai, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	**Category B Circles:** Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh,
Aircel Limited	Andaman & Nicobar, Tamil Nadu	

1	2	3
Bharti Mobile Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh, Punjab	(including Chattisgarh),
Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.	Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh North East, Orissa, West Bengal	Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh West (including Uttaranchal), Uttar Pradesh (East) and West Bengal
Fascel Limited	Gujarat	(Excluding Kolkata).
Escotel Mobile	Haryana, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh (West)	**Category C Circles:** Andaman & Nicobar,
Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh (East)	Assam, Bihar (including Jharkhand), Himachal,
Bharti Telenet	Himachal Pradesh	Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, North East and Orissa.
Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan	
Spice Communications	Karnataka, Punjab	
BPL Cellular	Kerala	
BPL Mobile Cellular	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu	
RPG Cellular	Madhya Pradesh	
Hexacom India	North East, Rajasthan	
Koshika	Uttar Pradesh (East)	

Closure of STD/ISD

1642. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the closure of STD/ISD and Internet was step to check and control terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that made the Centre backtrack;

(c) whether it is a fact that in an unfruitful attempt to control terrorism the genuine people of Jammu and Kashmir were deprived of basic communication by Centre's earlier decision; and